

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes
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Monday
September 8, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge/Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance, seven (7) city staff and six (6) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Jaya Escobar
Janet Miller
Bob Schreck
Pat Randleas
John VanWalleghen
Bob Aldrich
Carol Skaff
Charlie Claycomb

Members Absent

Stacy Longwell
Marsha Carr
C. Bickley Foster

Staff Present

Tom Stoltz, Police
Officer Davidson, Patrol West
Officer Jerrell, Patrol North
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Sharp, Patrol North
Jess McNeely, Planning
Rob Hughes, WFD

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes for August 4 and 20, 2008

The minutes for August 4th were approved as submitted and for August 20th with an amendment
(Schreck/Aldrich 7-0)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment. (Skaff/Claycomb 7-0)

Member Escobar arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

***** **Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol North: *Officer Sharp* discussed he had attended several graffiti meetings and one was a meeting for the area business owners with not a good turn out. *Sharp* stated he had given the graffiti tips he was handing out at this meeting for people to review. There have been two juveniles arrested for graffiti since then we haven't seen as much in the area.

Patrol West: *Officer Davidson* stated there is an increase in auto thefts near 13th & West with no suspects identified. We are increasing enforcement due to this. Please call Police if you see any crime happening.
Around the 700 block of N. Kessler there is a problem with traffic cutting from Zoo/Central with increased speeding. We are setting up radar to keep watch and monitor.

Patrol North: *Officer Jerrell* 41 beat new community police officer said there had been burglaries around the 21st & Arkansas area for an eight-block radius where the suspect was going in thru the back door taking some jewelry. We

finally arrested the person responsible but since then have had three more break-ins. Several people who lived on the block saw the suspect but didn't know who they were and did not call in a suspicious person in the area. Also in 41 Beat cars are being broke into along Jefferson. Residents are not reporting so please call if you see something unusual. The person was in jail and is out now causing problems again. **Escobar** asked for a description with a response of the person is around 5'7" 140-150 lbs-light-skinned Hispanic/Asian carrying a small duffle bag.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

3a **Fire Department Report**

Battalion Chief Rob Hughes, Station 1 and 3 said in August there had been 20 fires throughout the city with only one incident in District 6 at 1622 N. Arkansas. It was a car fire with \$8000 damage. Also, in the city there had been damage to two houses with \$950,000 of structure and \$450,000 to the contents. We need for people to practice safe prevention. *Hughes* continued there are three new stations under construction and due to open in 2009. So far there have been 37,100 incident calls with 70% for medical and 30% fire system alarms.

We have been training in live fires, big water drill at Marina Lakes and pump operator training along with Medical emergency training. We are looking at a program called Day in the fire station for students to include exercise, schooling and trainings. You may stop by any station on Saturdays for blood pressure checks.

*******Action:** Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Crime Trends and Club ordinances**

WPD Deputy Chief of Investigations Tom Stoltz presented information on the District crime trends for the City of Wichita. *Stoltz* stated in District VI the crime trends are decreased in major categories such as murders, vehicle fatalities and aggravated robberies but have increased in rapes and domestic violence. Identity theft has increased all over the city.

Stoltz continued he was also here to discuss the homicides taking place at clubs adding that club homicides are hard to solve as there is no citizen involvement. We have officers going continually to the same clubs that have problems and at present we have no ordinance to cover this. Somehow we want to make the clubs accountable for their actions taking place.

At present, I'm coming to the DAB's to discuss this and listen to what is being said so a task force can look further into setting stricter standards for clubs to follow. Some of the things we are going to do is survey the clubs that don't have problems and see what they are doing that keep problems from happening, review other cities our size and see how they handle problem clubs, require officers to review new club's opening thru CPTED (Crime Prevention thru Environmental Design) to make suggestions how to operate safely. We will look at owners to now have an established business plan for their operation. We will look at clubs with continual problems having many police calls we could charge them for the service, have the chief come in & revoke their license and they would have to go thru City Council again in order to re-open.

Aldrich stated he had a law enforcement background and if clubs had a certain amount of incidents in six month's time, the license was revoked and the club owner would have to go back to City Council to be reopened. He also suggested that the security for the clubs be requested to have some form of formal training for what to look for in problem situations and have established guidelines for emergency situations. Also, suggested was an ordinance to temporarily shut down a club by Police in certain instances.

Stoltz responded the number of incidents and mandated security is being reviewed.

VanWalleghen said that whatever is being set-up wouldn't burden restaurants with additional fees if their business isn't causing any problems. **Schreck** asked if the problems are coming from businesses with 10% food and 90% alcohol sales. *Stoltz* responded yes and we don't want to burden good businesses. *Stoltz* finished saying to call police if you see any crime happening in your area.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

PLANNING

5. **ZON2008-00042 CON2008-00036** 918 N ST PAUL AVE

Jess McNeely, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public on a zone change request from SF-5 Single-family Residential to TF-3 Two-family Residential with a Conditional

Use (CON2008-36) for multiple two-family residences on one lot; generally located south of 9th Street North and east of St Paul (918 N St. Paul). The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting.

McNeely stated there is no neighborhood plan at present for this area and there had been no calls from the neighborhood in protest.

Eugene Swanson 1820 S. Park Lane stated he lives on the same size lot as the applicant is requesting for his units and says that six units would fit better on this size of property instead of eight. *Swanson* also said he had been notified of the case.

The applicant *Dennis Niedens* said he had just purchased the property one month ago and wanted to build attractive duplexes like *Via Christi* had built. *Niedens* said he does not want to reduce the number of units for the area size.

Board Members questions/concerns included: 1) the size of the lot does not correlate with the UZC regulations and would be a better fit for six or seven units not eight; 2); will the driveway be located off of 9th street and all of it be concrete; 3) is the applicant open to reduce the amount of units built; 4) was proper notification given to the neighborhood; 5) will there be attached garages; 6) the properties on the north are they also zoned single-family and 7) with this amount of units will it cause a lot of on-street parking?

***** **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to recommend to the City Council to Approve (**Aldrich/Schreck 8-0**) the zone change request subject to the number of units allowed is six (6) and **not** eight (8) as stated in the staff report and to fully pave the driveways.

6. ZON2008-00044 2514 W DOUGLAS AVE

Jess McNeely, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public on a Zone change from TF-3 Two-family Residential (“TF-3”) to NR Neighborhood Retail (“NR”) generally located north of Douglas Avenue and 150 feet west of Meridian Avenue (2514 W. Douglas Avenue). The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. *McNeely* stated the building was constructed before zoning was in effect and when a building permit was pulled records showed they were not in compliance.

The applicant was not present.

No members of the public were present to speak for or in opposition of the request.

One concern from DAB was if there were any future plans for expansion there would not be sufficient parking. Response was there is parking behind the building and depending on the size of the expansion there is also parking on the side.

***** **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to recommend to the City Council to Approve the zone change request based on staff recommendations. (**Miller/VanWalleghen 8-0**)

Board Agenda

7. Problem Properties

- 331 N. Mosley: Broken window
- 116 N. Mead: Broken window on East and South sides.
- Graffiti: Under the East end of the Douglas St. Bridge over the Arkansas river
- Main & 11th weeds and high grass South of Apex.

Aldrich stated the Paul’s Place sign has been moved six inches forward and leveled on concrete. Also, the pool business at 9th & West St. is now cleaning-up.

VanWalleghen asked if in zoning for new construction dialog could be started about new apartments requiring paved driveways. **Fearey** said she would review.

Has everyone seen the Braum’s at 21st and Amidon is rebuilding.

Randleas asked about any action on the horse issue as she has emailed Kay Johnson and asked three different people about this and has received no response. **Randleas** said she is tired of being put off and ignored, it is not fair and continued if I’m being put off how other citizen requests are being handled. **Skaff** said she agreed with **Randleas** comments as to no response or action. **Fearey** said she would pass this on and that she has also asked about the horse concerns. **Randleas** asked what the next step is. **Fearey** responded she could go to City Council and speak on the public agenda or email the City Council members and the City Manager.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

8. Neighborhood Reports

Orchard Park: Greg Ferris will present on cell towers at the 9-16 meeting and **Aldrich** will let **Fearey** know of the outcome.

Schreck stated he would be presenting to the county on having an alternative number 311 to call for non-emergency calls instead of calling 911. **Fearey** said she had read some articles where using an alternative number was not having much luck. **Schreck** said new employees could use the 311 call training before going taking on 911 calls. **Schreck** continued the Moorings will not report crime to 911 as they have been put on hold for 25 minutes and included he called the highway patrol as a chair fell off a truck and they sent a trooper right away.

El Pueblo: there will be a meeting on 9-9-08 at the Methodist Church at 21st & Jackson at 7 p.m. to discuss Capital Improvements for Woodland Park.

El Pueblo: To celebrate Mexican Independence day there will be a free Christian Concert offered by area churches at 21st & Market from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday night. For the youth there will be a Rap group coming from Houston. Mrs. Kansas will ride in a Low rider during the parade and there will be information booths.

Sept. 27th breakfast: Police Chief Williams will present at the *Coffee with Sharon* at the Broadview Hotel at 9:00 a.m.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the council member

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be on Monday October 6, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm (**VanWalleghen/Claycomb 8-0**)

Guests

Gene & Janis Swanson	1820 S. Lark Ln. 67209 1000 N. St. Paul
Paul Weigand	1141 Denker 67216 South City Paul 1141@AOL.COM
Ralph Stiffey	2316 S. Cypress
Marjorie E Mallisee	Indian Hills
Jerry Prichard	Indian Hills-Riverbend N.A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant